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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A composite synthetic paper shelf liner comprising: a sheet of synthetic paper, having on a first side a layer comprising of a silicone polymeric material, and having on a second side a layer of a repositionable adhesive.
2. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 further comprising a layer of a tie coating between the synthetic paper and the layer of repositionable adhesive.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper has a tensile strength of at least 1000 pounds per square inch in the machine and cross-machine directions.
5. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 4 wherein the tensile strength is at least 1500 pounds per square inch in the machine and cross-machine direction.
6. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 4 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a film.
7. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper has a thickness of from 80 to

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150 microns.

8. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a polyolefin or a copolyolefin.
9. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 8 wherein the synthetic paper comprises a copolyolefin.
10. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 9 wherein the synthetic paper comprises copolypropylene.
11. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 2 wherein the tie coating comprises a polyethyleneimine.
12. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 wherein the repositionable adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive.
13. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 2 wherein the repositionable adhesive comprises a pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive.
14. (original) A combination of a horizontal surface and the shelf liner of claim 1.
15. (original) A method of covering a horizontal surface which comprises applying the shelf liner of claim 1 to the horizontal surface.

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16. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 1 in the form of a roll.
17. (original) The composite synthetic paper shelf liner of claim 16 wherein the shelf liner does not contain a release sheet to prevent contact between the adhesive and the first surface life shelf liner.